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Application Number	09/671,048
Filing Date	09/27/2000
First Named Inventor	James J. Frassica
Art Unit	3763
Examiner Name	Manuel A. Mendez
Attorney Docket Number	FA-70

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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- iv. Other (Request for Clarification)

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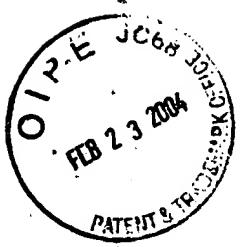
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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

In the outstanding NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY mailed on 11/17/2003, item 2 states the "allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 11" and the Examiner's Amendment states the "application has been amended as follows: Claims 1-3, and 11 have been cancelled."

Applicant believes that the Examiner's Amendment is incorrect inasmuch as claims 1-3 and 11 are allowed and withdrawn claims 4-10 should have been canceled. Applicant

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respectfully requests clarification concerning the canceled claims in the Examiner's Amendment.

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